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BUJUMBURA, NAIROBI AND BRUSSELS 26 MAY 75:

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 4316

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC (SMUTS, SMITH, HUNTER)

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS; MEEETING WITH FORMIN BULA

REF: STATE 122369

DAR ES SALAAM 1698

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1. GAVE FOREIGN MINISTER BULA TEXT (MAY 26 OF LETTER FROM CAPTIVES (DAY 1693), STRESSING NEED FOR ABSOLUTE CONFIDENTIULITY. I ALSO SAID DELIVERY LETTER WAS EVIDENCE THAT US GOVERNMENT WANTED CONSULT CLOSELY WITH GOZ. WE WERE PARTICULARLY DESIROUS OF HAVING GIZ ASSURANCES THAT NO ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN IN LAKE TANGANYIKA AREA WHICH MIGHT ENVDANGER CAPTIVES WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH USG.

2. BULA READ LETTER CAREFULLY, REMARKED THAT SITUATION GRAVE AND MORE COMPLICATED NOW. HE NOTED ENOUGH ARMS  
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WERE REQUESTED FOR AN ARMY. HE SAID HE WOULD SEEK

INFORMATION FROM ZAIRIAN INTELLIGENCE REGARDING INDIVIDUALS  
WHOSE RELEASE I REQUESTED. HE RECOGNIZED THAT GOZ  
ACTIVITY COULD ENDANGER CAPTIVES AND ASSURED ME GOZ WOULD  
NOT ACT WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH USG.

3. IT IS GOOD TO HAVE HIS APPARENT UNDERSTANDING AND  
HIS ASSURANCES BUT I THINK WE CAN TAKE EVEN MORE  
COMFORT FROM FACT THAT GOZ HAS BEEN SEEKING ELIMINATE  
KABILA  
GROUP FOR OVER SEVEN YEARS AND APPARENTLY DOES  
NOT HAVE CAPABILITY TO DO SO. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS  
THAT TROOP IN  
AREA RARELY, IF EVER, VENTURE OFF ROADS.

4. PERHAPS BEST EVIDENCE THAT GOZ TAKES MATTER SERIOUSLY  
IS FACT THAT TO BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE FOREIGN MINISTER HAS  
NEVER BEFORE RECEIVED ANY RESIDENT AMBASSADOR DURING  
DAYLIGHT HOURS.

5. RE CONFIDENTIALITY, I THINK THERE NO QUESTION ABOUT  
THIS. IN FACT, TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, THERE HAS NOT  
BEEN A WORD IN ZAIRIAN PRESS OR ON RADIO ABOUT KIDNAPPING  
SINCE EVENT OCCURRED.

BULA WAS AWARE OF BBC BROADCAST  
WHICH REPORTED THAT STUDENTS WERE IN HANDS OF "MARXIST"  
GROUP IN ZAIRE. HE ALSO INQUIRED ABOUT CONTENTS NYERERE,  
LETTER AND I SAID AS OF NOW ALL I KNEW WAS THAT  
IT EXISTED, THAT PRESUMABLY IT WAS SIMILAR TO LETTER  
THAT I GAVE HIM EXCEPT THAT PERHAPS IT CONTAINED  
INDICATION OF HOW COMMUNICATIONS WERE TO BE ESTABLISHED.  
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